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TITLE OF INVENTION: BYPASS METHOD FOR EFFICIENT DMA DISK I/O

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 106 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 106 day(s).

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

10/725,980

Applicant(s)

DANILAK, RADOSLAV

Examiner

Chun-Kuan Lee

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 03/23/2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-23.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 04/20/2009
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/Alford W. Kindred/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2181

DETAILED ACTION

I. EXAMINER'S AMENDMENTS

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE APPLICANT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by **37 CFR § 1.312**. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CORRECTIONS BY THE EXAMINER

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Amir Tabarrok, having Reg. No. 57,137, on 5/18/2009. Accordingly, since a complete record of the interview has been incorporated in the instant examiner's amendment, no separate interview summary form is included in the instant office letter **MPEP § 713.04**.

CORRECTIONS MADE IN THE APPLICATION

3. The application has been amended as following:

IN THE CLAIMS:

The below described amendments to the claims are necessary to further clarify the claimed invention.

NOTE: The claims amended by this examiner's amendment have been referred to by their original claim number and, if renumbered at time of allowance, also by the new number located in parentheses as required by **MPEP § 1302.04(g)**.

In claim 9 (renumbered as claim 11), lines 11-12, "... structures comprising the disk transaction in response ..." should be replaced with "... structures comprising a disk transaction in response ...-.

In claim 14 (renumbered as claim 16), lines 16-17, "... structures comprising the disk transaction in response ..." should be replaced with "... structures comprising a disk transaction in response ...-.

II. DISTINGUISHING FEATURES RECITED IN THE CLAIMS

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

4. Claims 1-23 are allowed.

The following is an **Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance**. See **MPEP 1302.14:**

5. The primary reason for allowance of claim 1 in the instant application is the combination with the inclusion in the claim that there are "**... A method for disk I/O (input output) in a computer system, comprising:**

upon receiving a request for said disk I/O from an application executing on the computer system, transferring a command to a disk controller, the command causing a start up of a disk drive coupled to the disk controller;

subsequent to transferring the command causing the start up and before completion of said start up, preparing disk transaction information by packaging a plurality of data structures comprising a disk transaction in response to said command;

in response to said preparing said disk transaction information, transferring the disk transaction information to the disk controller; and

in response to said transferring said disk transaction information to said disk controller, implementing said disk I/O, wherein the disk controller uses the disk transaction information to control the disk drive ..." The prior art of record

including the disclosures of Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA), Maleck (US Patent 6,681,281) and Wilcox (US Patent 6,185,634) neither anticipates nor renders obvious the above recited combination. Because claims 1-8 and 22-23 (renumbered as claims 1-10) depend directly or indirectly on independent claim 1, these claims are considered allowable for at least the same reasons noted above.

6. The primary reason for allowance of claim 9 (renumbered as claim 11) in the instant application is the combination with the inclusion in the claim that there are "... A computer readable media having computer readable code which when executed

by a processor of a computer system cause the computer system to implement a bypass method for efficient disk I/O (input output), comprising:

upon receiving a request for said disk I/O from an application executing on the computer system, transferring a command to a disk controller, the command causing a start up of a disk drive coupled to the disk controller;

subsequent to transferring the command causing the start up and before completion of said start up, preparing disk transaction information by packaging a plurality of PRD (physical region descriptor) data structures and a plurality of CPB (command parameter block) data structures comprising a disk transaction in response to said command;

accessing a bridge component controlling a bus coupled to the disk controller;

in response to said preparing said disk transaction information, transferring the disk transaction information to a plurality of bypass registers of the disk controller via the bridge component; and

in response to said transferring said disk transaction information to said disk controller, implementing said disk I/O, wherein the disk controller processes the disk transaction information to control the disk drive ..." The prior art of record

including the disclosures of Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA), Maleck (US Patent 6,681,281) and Wilcox (US Patent 6,185,634) neither anticipates nor renders obvious the above recited combination. Because claims 10-13 (renumbered as claims 12-15)

depend directly or indirectly on independent claim 9, these claims are considered allowable for at least the same reasons noted above.

7. The primary reason for allowance of claim 14 (renumbered as claim 16) in the instant application is the combination with the inclusion in the claim that there are "... A computer system for implementing a bypass method for efficient disk I/O (input output), comprising:

a processor;

a system memory coupled to the processor;

a bridge component coupled to the processor; and

a disk controller coupled to the bridge component, the disk controller including a plurality of bypass registers, wherein the processor executes software code stored in the system memory, the software code causing the computer system to implement a method comprising:

upon receiving a request for said disk I/O from an application executing on the computer system, transferring a command from the processor to the disk controller, the command causing a start up of a disk drive coupled to the disk controller;

subsequent to transferring the command causing the start up and before completion of said start up, preparing disk transaction information by packaging a plurality of data structures comprising the disk transaction in response to said command;

**in response to said preparing said disk transaction information,
transferring the disk transaction information to the bypass registers of the disk
controller; and**

**in response to said transferring said disk transaction information to said
disk controller, implementing said disk I/O, wherein the disk controller processes
the disk transaction information to control the disk drive ...**" The prior art of record including the disclosures of Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA), Maleck (US Patent 6,681,281) and Wilcox (US Patent 6,185,634) neither anticipates nor renders obvious the above recited combination. Because claims 15-21 (renumbered as claims 17-23) depend directly or indirectly on independent claim 14, these claims are considered allowable for at least the same reasons noted above.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

CONCLUSION

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chun-Kuan (Mike) Lee whose telephone number is (571) 272-0671. The examiner can normally be reached on 8AM to 5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alford Kindred can be reached on (571) 272-4037. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

/C.K.L./

May 18, 2009
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